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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, PFOR, GH, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BAAH

REFS: A. ACCRA 6178; B. ACCRA 6176; C. STATE 221727

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR SUGGESTION CONCERNING MEETING WITH BAAH, BUT BELIEVES THAT SINCE SUBJECT HAS SO FAR BEEN HANDLED IN ACCRA BY EMBASSY-GOG COMMUNICATIONS, YOUR APPROACH TO BAAH IN NEW YORK MIGHT APPEAR TO HIM, AND POSSIBLY TO OTHER GOG OFFICIALS, AS ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR DEALING WITH THIS COMPLEX AND TECHNICAL ISSUE. AS BAAH IS RELATIVELY UNFAMILIAR WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF WATTS, HE MIGHT WELL REACT NEGATIVELY TO AN APPROACH IN A SITUATION WHERE HIS GHANAIAAN ADVISORS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. IN ANY CASE, AS NRC DECIDED ON DENIAL, WE ASSUME FULL NRC WOULD HAVE TO MEET AGAIN TO RECONSIDER SUBJECT.

2. SUBSTANCE REFTTEL B, WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO DEBRAH AND OKAI, SHOULD ANSWER MOST OF THEIR QUESTIONS. YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO GOG THAT COPY OF THOSE QUESTIONS
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AND ANSWERS COULD BE TELEXED TO BAAH FOR HIS PERUSAL.

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